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1. DEPARTMENT (DAS HARROP, AF) BRIEFED DANISH EMBASSY
MINISTER COUNSELOR KIMBERG MARCH 13 ON US DEMARCHE TO SAID
BARRE (ALONG LINES REF A) AND OUR CURRENT READING OF SITUA-
TION FOLLOWING SOMALI DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN.

2. REGARDING SITUATION ON THE GROUND, US UNDERSTANDS
ETHIOPIAN/CUBAN FORCES ARE AT THE BORDER IN THE NORTH --

FOLLOWING SOMALI DEPARTURE -- BUT HAVE SHOWN NO INTENTION OF CROSSING INTO SOMALIA. AN ORDERLY SOMALI WITHDRAWAL WAS UNDERWAY IN THE SOUTH. AS FOR NEXT STEPS, THE US CONTINUES TO CONSIDER URGING UNSC, IN COORDINATION WITH OAU, TO SET IN MOTION ESTABLISHMENT OF OBSERVER GROUP FOR OGADEN. BOTH ETHIOPIANS AND SOVIETS ARE OPPOSED TO UNSC ACTION -- AND ETHIOPIANS HAVE REACTED NEGATIVELY TO CALL FOR CUBAN/ SOVIET WITHDRAWAL, TERMING IT AN INTERNAL ETHIOPIAN MATTER. NIGERIA (GARBA) HAS INDICATED, IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH ON OAU SUPPORT FOR UNSC ROLE, THAT IT PREFERENCES TO AWAIT OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS

WEEK. SURPRISINGLY, SOMALIA ALSO APPEARS OPPOSED, AT PRESENT, TO UNSC ACTION. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY SOMALI POSITION AND HAVE NOT ABANDONED POSSIBLE INITIATIVE IN UNSC, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF POTENTIALLY SERIOUS REFUGEE SITUATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO DANISH EC PRESIDENCY REQUEST (REF B) FOR INDICATION OF WHAT ACTION THE US MAY WISH THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO TAKE ON THE HORN AT THEIR MARCH 15-16 MEETING, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE NINE ADD THEIR VOICE TO CALL FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO MOVE PROMPTLY TO ENSURE THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOW PROCEED TOWARD A DURABLE SETTLEMENT. WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIS, AND WOULD WELCOME EC-9

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